Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Yes, the smell will cause some annoyance for a short time.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi)*: Do you not get very valuable manure by that process?

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur)*: May I know whether Government have not received representations from people there regarding the nuisance.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Yes.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur)*: Has the Government considered the question of shifting it?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I said that day before yesterady. A report is called for from the Municipality. It has not been received yet.

COMPOUNDERS IN THE VETERINARY DEPARTMENT—DRAFTING TO THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

370. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any order is in force to the effect that the compounders of the Veterinary Department who have put in a service of 6 years or less may be drafted to the Medical Department on their passing a proficiency test;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in affirmative, a copy of that order or proceedings may be placed on the Council Table;

(*c*) what are the reasons for denying this chance for transfer to the Veterinary compounders who have put in more than 6 years' service?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A copy of the order is appended. *(Appendix III)*.

(*c*) Vide the order.

SCHOOL-GOING POPULATION—JEWISH COMMUNITY

371. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Will Government be pleased to explain why there is a large number of pupils in schools and colleges belonging to the Jewish Community than the population of school-going age as per Census of 1941—vide Administration report of the Educational Department?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: Under "population of school-going age" only those of the age group 6—13 are taken into account, while the number of those actually under instruction in schools and colleges is given under the head "Number of pupils in schools and colleges". This is also true of all communities given in the report.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: May I know why this school-going population in schools alone is given and not colleges?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: The age from 6 to 13 is more or less arbitrary. If it is reduced to 6—12 it is traditionally accepted. It is all based upon the compulsory school age whether there is compulsory legislation or not. It is purely arbitrary. But that is supposed to be the age of compulsory instruction. Although we have not compulsion, we have accepted the terminology of compulsion.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: It is liable to be misunderstood. That is why I put the question.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: It is so put in order to give some sort of a vague idea as to the number of children of the school-going age. But if it is the wish of the House, we would have no objection to drop the term.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: We want to make it quite clear, so that no misunderstanding will arise in future.

CHELLANAM PRIMARY SCHOOL—DEPRESSED CLASS PUPILS—CLOTHES—SUPPLY OF

372. മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കെ. കുഞ്ഞൻ: തെക്കെ ചെല്ലാനം പ്രൈമറി സ്കൂളിൽ പഠിക്കുന്ന അധഃകൃത കുട്ടികൾക്കു ഇക്കൊല്ലം ആദ്യത്തെ വസ്ത്രദാനം ചെയ്യ തീർന്നായി ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിലേക്കു റിപ്പോർട്ട് ലഭിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

റാവു സാഹിബ്" ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ: ഉവ്വ്.

SUPPLY OF BOOKS TO THE DEPRESSED CLASS PUPILS AS PER SUPPLEMENTARY INDENT—DELAY IN

373. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Headmistress of the Girls' High School, Ernakulam, has issued a supplementary indent under date 14th Kumbham 1117 which was approved by the Protector

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of Depressed Classes between the 25th and 29th of February 1942 for certain Mathematics and Hindi books for certain V Form girls who are Depressed Classes ;

(*b*) if so, whether Government be pleased to enquire and take the necessary steps for this delay in the supply of books to the Depressed Classes ;

(*c*) the name of the girls who wanted these books ;

(*d*) the reason for this delay ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)* :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) One girl—K. K. Mala.

(*d*) The indent for the supply of books to Depressed Class pupils is prepared and forwarded to the Protector of Depressed Classes at or before the re-opening of schools. The particulars of the optional subjects of the pupil could not be ascertained and noted in the indent prepared from this school as it was sent to the Protector before the re-opening of schools. The point was lost sight of subsequently.

S. S. L. C. EXAMINATION—1941—PERCENTAGE OF PASSES BELOW 40

374. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)* : Will Government be pleased to name the High Schools whose percentage of passes in the School Final Examination of 1941 is below 40 ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)* :

1. Palace Girls' High School, Trippunittura.
2. High School, Ollur.
3. Girls' High School, Kunnamkulam.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)* : May I know what is the average percentage of passes for the whole State ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)* : It was over 51.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)* : May I know, Sir, whether it has been noted by the Government that these 3 schools have gone very much below the State average ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)* : Viewing all sides it cannot be said so. For example in the case of the Palace Girls' High School in one year it produced 100 per cent result. On further enquiry, I found that only one pupil appeared and passed from the school. Unfortunately these statistics are not very helpful. In respect of the other 2 schools, I issued a memo to find out the reasons why the results have been poor and if I get an explanation which is satisfactory it would be recorded. Otherwise further action would be taken.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)* : May I know as the State average is above 50, such of the schools which have gone below may also be asked to explain.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)* : Yes.

LOANS FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF CYCLONE AFFECTED AIDED SCHOOL BUILDINGS—APPLICATIONS FOR

375. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of applications received from the teachers of aided schools for loans for reconstruction of cyclone-afflicted school buildings ;

(*b*) the number of applications for which loans were granted ;

(*c*) the amount of loans disbursed ;

(*d*) the names of schools and the names of Managers ;

(*e*) the names of schools and Managers whose applications were rejected ;

(*f*) the reasons for such rejections ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)* :

(*a*) 38 applications were received from the Managers of aided schools. None was received from teachers.

(*b*) Nil.

(*c*) Nil.

(*d*) Does not arise.

(*e*) The following applications were rejected.—

	Name of School	*Name of Manager*
1.	S. N. V. School, Padiyur	Mr. P. K. Makotha
2.	L. P. School, Choolisseri	Mr. A. Kesavan Nayar
3.	D. M. School, Panamkulam	Mr. K. V. Abdu
4.	D. V. School, Vadama	Mr. M. Raman Nayar
5.	St. Peter's School, Malipuram	Rev. Dr. G. H. Kattacheri

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